Emoluments of Para-Teachers

2206. VEN'BLE DHAMMAVIRIYO:
SHRI C. APOK JAMIR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of para-teachers serving at different levels of school education, State-wise;

(b) the number of teachers appointed on permanent positions at different levels of school education in different States during the last five years;

(c) what emoluments are paid to para-teachers in different States; and

(d) whether it is a fact that many States are employing untrained para teachers in primary schools; if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

District Primary Education Programme

2207. SHRI C. APOK JAMIR:
VEN'BLE DHAMMAVIRIYO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the component of loan in the District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) currently underway in many States;

(b) what is the rate of interest and the period of repayment applicable on this component;

(c) what are the modalities of repayment agreed upon by Government; and

(d) the total proportion of aid from foreign sources received for this programme and from which source?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) Assistance of about Rs. 6254.00 crores has been committed from different external funding agencies for the District Primary Education Programme in

different phases. These sources are IDA of World Bank, European Commission (EC), Government of Netherlands, Department for International Development of U.K.(DFID) and UNICEF. The terms of this assistance varies. Of this about Rs. 1338.00 crores is an outright grant and does not have to be repaid. Credits received from the IDA carry no interest charges and are repayable in 35 years including a grace period of 10 years. However, a service charge of 0.75% on the principal amount withdrawn and outstanding and a commitment charge of 0.5% on the principal amount not withdrawn is payable on the credit.

Vacant posts of Teachers in primary schools

2208. VEN'BLE DHAMMAVIRIYO:
SHRI C. APOK JAMIR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many Indian habitations do not have primary schools within one km. of walking distance;

(b) how many primary schools in India have only one or two teachers teaching five classes; and

(c) whether it is a fact that thousands of vacancies are lying unfilled in primary schools; if so, what steps are being taken to fill them?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) According to the Sixth All India Educational Survey (1993), 20.12 percent primary schools in the country have only one teacher and 41.92 percent have only two teachers, while 94% of the country's rural population has primary schooling facility within distance of 1 km.

(c) Pursuant to National Policy on Education, 1986, the Government had launched the scheme of Operation Blackboard which *inter alia* provided for two teachers in every primary school. Accordingly grants were sanctioned to the states for providing one additional teacher in all single teacher primary